

Retro Advisory Committee

Meeting of April 13, 1995

Minutes

In Attendance:

John Sweitzer, *Red Lion Inns & Hotels*
Jim Nunn, *Washington Employers*
Donna Ganders, *WA Health Care Assoc.*
Michael Frasier, *Gates McDonald*

Joe Hawkins, *Bekins Northwest*
Tom Kwieciak, *Bldg Industries Assoc.*
John Gentry, *Decor Carpets*
Kathy Kimbel, *L&I Retro Program*

Excused:

Mike Sotelo, Gene Vosberg, Scott McKinnie

Guests:

Rita Norton
Dedi Hitchens
Scott Croucher

Pam Eaton
Scott Esqueda
Terry Peterson

Bob Edwards
Bill White
Russ Hauss

The minutes of the February 9, 1995 meeting were approved as distributed.

Discussion began with an update on the retro reform legislation being considered in the current legislative session. **Kathy Kimbel** presented an overview of the legislation in its current form, and discussed the possible changes which might occur to the bill prior to final passage.

Committee members discussed the pros & cons of putting together another retro participants' seminar. After much discussion, it was **moved, seconded and carried** to continue presenting seminars, and pre-planning for the next seminar will be on the agenda of the next committee meeting.

Bob Edwards, of the Communications Technology Center, was introduced and briefly described his role in the needs assessment/feasibility study for the *External Access Pilot Project*. Three retro associations (Hop Growers of WA, Associated Grocers and Building Industries Association) will be participating in the initial phase of the pilot. The implementation schedule calls for external access to data be granted on June 1. Participants will be using modem-equipped PC's to dialup the state mainframe and the L&I database. The pilot is scheduled to be expanded during the upcoming biennium.

The issue of attendance at the retro advisory committee meetings was discussed. The bylaws of the committee state that a member can be replaced if they miss three meetings. Kathy described the process used to select new members for the committee. Final appointing authority rests with the Director of Labor and Industries.